Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I have already answered that question.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Kallulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know on what principle the Assistant Sirkar Vakil at Nagercoil was appointed?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government have changed the policy of appointing Sirkar Vakils. Till recently, Sirkar Vakils were treated as officers entitled to pension. Now, that policy has been changed and it has been decided to appoint Sirkar Vakils for a specific period on a special remuneration without any pension.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know whether all appointments will be made in that manner?

President: This question has no relevancy whatsoever to the question now before the House. The question before the House is the engagement of private legal practitioners to conduct Sirkar cases.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: In answer to parts (*c*) and (*d*) may I know who advised the Government to engage private Vakils?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: When Government consider it necessary to do so, they consult the Head Sirkar Vakil.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know who takes the initiative in the matter of advice?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: When Government consider it necessary to engage a special prosecutor, they sometimes consult the Head Sirkar Vakil. At other times, even without consulting the Head Sirkar Vakil, if the Government are convinced of the necessity for engaging a special prosecutor they do so.

Remission of land-tax in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

205. * **Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai**: (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the remission of land-tax to the extent of 50 per cent. for the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram for the Kumbhom crop of 1110 applies to all kinds of lands;

(*b*) whether any exception has been made;

(*c*) if so, what are the lands exempted; and

(*d*) the reasons for such exemption?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) No. The remission of 50 per cent applies only to all *ayacut* wet lands and post-settlement tank-bed registries in those taluks.

(*b*) Yes.

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(*c*) Garden lands, regular and irregular conversions of dry lands and Sree Pandaravakai wet lands which are allowed only 12½ per cent. remission.

(*d*) The land-tax on garden lands and on conversions in respect of which only dry assessment is recovered is light when compared to the tax on *ayacut* wet lands and tank-beds and so the former class of lands has not been allowed the enhanced percentage of remission.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know from the member why Sri Pandaravakai lands are exempted from the 50 per cent. remission?

Mr. K. George: That is because the Government, are not the owners of these lands.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know from the member whether Government can grant remission for complete failure of crops? When there is complete failure of crops in Sri Pandaravakai lands, are Government entitled to grant complete remission?

Mr. K. George: That is provided in the rules.

Law Charges in Taluk Cutcherries.

206. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount sanctioned under Law Charges for Taluk Offices during the past six years;

(*b*) for what and for whose cases the amounts were sanctioned;

(*c*) whether cases such as those relating to puduval, poramboke, etc., are being conducted by vakils specially appointed;

(*d*) if so, in which taluk; and

(*e*) the necessity for appointing vakils specially?

Mr. K. George: (*a*)

Year.		*Amount sanctioned* Rs.
1105	...	7,452
1106	...	6,545
1107	...	15,012
1108	...	3,460
1109	...	22,369
1110	...	16,565

(*b*) The amounts, except Rs. 75 were sanctioned to be deposited in courts towards satisfaction of decree debts in civil suits in which the Sirkar was the defendant.

The sum of Rs. 75 was paid to vakils for conducting:

(1) Criminal case No. 397/05 on the file of the defunct Munsiff-Magistrate's Court, Changanachery; and

(2) O. S. Nos. 51 and 52 of 1103 on the file of the District Judge, Parur.

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